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Chairman, four legislative seats are on the ballot

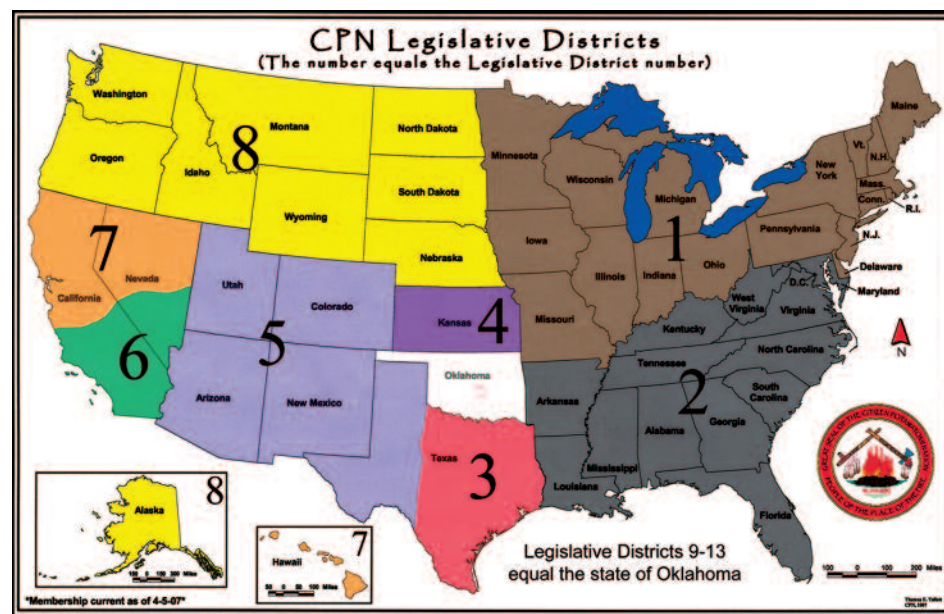
CPN's 2013 election is on the horizon

On Saturday, June 29, 2013, Citizen Potawatomi Nation voters will elect a Chairman and four members of the Nation's legislature. Representatives for Districts #1, #2, #3, and #4 will be elected. The winners will serve new four-year terms.

Candidates for the Chairmanship must live in Oklahoma. Candidates for the legislative seats must live within their respective districts, which are depicted in the map that accompanies this article. Only CPN members who are 18 or older as of Election Day will be eligible to vote. All eligible CPN voters can vote in the election for Chairman. Only those who live within a district may vote for the legislative representative for that district.

The incumbent Chairman is John 'Rocky' Barrett. The incumbent legislators are: Roy Slavin (District #1), Eva Marie Carney (District #2), Robert Whistler (District #3), and Theresa Adame (District #4).

CPN members who would like to be considered for these positions must have their declarations of candidacy in the Election Committee's hands no later than 5:00



p.m. on Wednesday, January 9, 2013. These declarations of candidacy must be filed through the U.S. Postal Service.

Declaration of Candidacy forms for the legislative positions can be downloaded from www.Potawatomi.org or obtained

from the CPN Public Information Office.

Candidates for the legislative seats must be at least 18 years old by Election Day. Additionally, they must have resided in the district from which they are elected, for at least six months on Election Day.

The June election ballot will also contain the annual budget for spending interest and earnings from the Nation's Set-Aside Funds.

A Ballot Request Period will begin on March 1, 2013 and end on June 9, 2013. There will be in-person voting from 7 a.m. until 2 p.m. on Saturday, June 29, 2013 at the courtroom in the CPN administration building, 1601 S. Gordon Cooper Dr., Shawnee, OK 74801 for the Chairman's position, the four legislative positions, and the

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Anna 'Wilma' McAuley



Anna 'Wilma' McAuley, 98, passed away on Saturday, September 15, 2012. A funeral service was held at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 19, 2012 at Floral Hills Funeral Home in Kansas City, Missouri. Burial followed. Visitation began at 1:00 p.m. on the day of the service.

Ms. McAuley was the daughter of Henry and Ruth Foth. She was born in Kansas City and was proud of her Native American heritage in the Citizen Potawatomi Nation.

She loved her family, quilting, sewing, baking, and the outdoors.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Bill; and her brother, Jack. Survivors include her son, Steve McAuley, and his wife, Sharon; her granddaughter, Dana Woods, and her husband, Craig; and her great-granddaughters, Taylor and Megan.

In lieu of flowers, memorial tributes may be directed to the American Cancer Society. Fond memories and condolences for the family may be left at www.FloralHillsFuneralHome.com.

John Clinton Glasscock

John Clinton 'JC' Glasscock, 23, of Birch Tree, Missouri died on August 21, 2012 in Texas County, Missouri in a tragic logging accident. He was born on September 30, 1988 in Honolulu, Hawaii, the son of Dwayne and Pam (Clinton) Glasscock.

JC graduated from Liberty High School with the class of 2007. He was united in



marriage to Kayla Jene Felts on May 20, 2007 at Alley Spring, Missouri. To this union, two beautiful children were born: Tyler Dwayne and Payton Marie.

Preceding him in death were his grandfathers, Donald Glasscock, Glen Nocks, and Robert McCormick.

He is survived by his wife, Kayla; parents, Dwayne and Pam Glasscock of Mountain View, Missouri; a son, Tyler Dwayne; a daughter, Payton Marie; grandmothers, Tressie McCormick of Mountain View and Connie Foster of Willow Springs, Missouri; and three sisters, Tonya Hite, Cecilia Sykes, and Holly Glasscock, all of Mountain View.

JC was a volunteer member of the Birch Tree Fire Department. He greatly enjoyed the outdoors, hunting, fishing, and spending time on the river. JC was a talented mechanic and could fix anything – well, almost. He enjoyed the time he spent with family and friends.

JC loved life and lived it to the fullest.

Visitation was held on Thursday August 23, 2012 from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at Yarber Mortuary. A funeral services was held on August 24, 2012 at 1 p.m. at Yarber Mortuary, with interment at Greenlawn Cemetery.

Betty Jean (Tiger) Lowrey

Betty Jean (Tiger) Lowrey was born in Arkansas City, Kansas on January 8, 1926. She passed on July 30, 2012 at the age of 86. She was the only child of John and Susie Tiger.



Betty was Mvskoke (Creek), Citizen Potawatomi, and French. Her father spoke Mvskoke (Creek) fluently but, due to the time period, she wasn't allowed to learn the language.

She was born with dark-colored eyes and later, as a young girl, her eye color changed to hazel, so she was able to have the eye color of both of her parents.

Betty's grandfather, Jean Baptiste Vasseur, was a Citizen Potawatomi who

was one of several original allottees who donated part of their land so that Sacred Heart Church near Konawa, Oklahoma could be built. Betty grew up in Creek County on her parents' farm. Her father built their house on his Creek allotment.

One summer, during the Great Depression and Dust Bowl, Betty traveled with her aunt's family to work in California. During this time, many neighbors' water wells dried up but, fortunately, her family's well never dried up.

Her parents encouraged her love of music by providing her lessons for singing, piano, clarinet, and accordion. Her children have fond memories of her playing the piano, especially Rachmaninoff's compositions. She sang solo in front of large audiences as a child and later, as an adult, in church choirs. She also played the church organ.

Betty attended public school in Olive, Oklahoma. Later, she went to Lawrence, Kansas, where she graduated from the Commercial School at Haskell Institute. Her first job was in Pawhuska, Oklahoma, where she met her first husband, Paul Attocknie, a Human Resource Specialist in the Indian Health Service's Oklahoma City

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Area Office. He was a full-blood Comanche and was the great-great-grandson of Chief Ten Bears.

Betty learned Native American dancing, attended many pow wows, and participated in a dance troupe which traveled the Southwest. Thus began a love of travel and adventure! This appreciation of travel was passed on to her seven children. She made a point of traveling to a different state every summer.

As a musician, Betty felt strongly about having each of her children learn how to play a musical instrument. She was very creative; sewing clothing for herself and her daughters, making paintings to decorate the walls, and doing needlework, ceramics, and macramé. She even made a brick patio, brick sidewalk, and steps down a hill in the back yard.

Betty worked as a secretary at Tinker Air Force Base, where she met her second husband, Roy Lowrey, who was a Logistics Officer. He was half Cherokee and was a descendant of Chief John Ross, Sequoyah, and General George Lowrey, for whom Lowrey, Oklahoma was named.

After retirement, Betty and Roy built their dream log home on her father's allotment. Betty had more time to take cruises and become a seasoned world traveler. Some of the more exotic places she visited included Russia, Thailand, Iceland, Hawaii, the Panama Canal, and Israel, where she had the opportunity to be baptized in the Jordan River. She also enjoyed traveling to the annual Potawatomi Gatherings in the Great Lakes area, including Canada.

For a period of time, she was the treasurer of the Haskell Alumni Association. She was a great supporter of family events and special occasions; you name it, she was there!

The recent wildfires in Creek County started moving onto Betty's woodland property the night before her funeral. Her son, Tony, and grandson, Joshua, and four firemen fought the fire, off-and-on, throughout the night. The flames came within, literally, a few feet of the home but we believe guardian angels must have blown them away. Tony and Joshua weren't able to attend the funeral because of remaining dangerous hot spots. In fact, shortly after the funeral, one wall of the workshop caught on fire but the fire was immediately put out. We are thankful her log house was spared.

Betty is survived by her children, Mike and his wife Jan Attocknie of Elk City, Oklahoma, Chris Attocknie of Lake Tahoe, Mary Attocknie of Claremore, Oklahoma, Susie and her husband Mike Daggett of Konawa, Dena and her husband Albert Stewart of Waldorf, Maryland, Anthony Attocknie of Drumright, Oklahoma, and Maggie and her husband Charlie Sloan of Yorktown, Virginia; 10 grandchildren, Jennifer Attocknie, Tim Attocknie, Danny Honeycutt, Clint Honeycutt and his wife Chantel, Jason Burgess, Zachary Stewart, Audrey Stewart, Joshua Attocknie, SSgt Taylor Sloan, and Meghann Sloan; and Grandma-the-Great to five great-grandchildren, James Sinquah, Gavin Honeycutt, Wyatt Honeycutt, Tahlia Sloan, and Noah Sloan-Zando.

Kirk Thomas Lewis



Kirk Thomas Lewis died on October 1, 2012 of small-cell lung cancer. He was born on October 3, 1953 in Wichita Falls, Texas, and moved to Irving, Texas in time to attend Nimitz High School in its first years. Kirk was a Ford master technician, worked as a carpenter, and loved to spend time outdoors, whether fishing, hunting, or hanging out in the pit area at NHRA drag races.

Per his wishes, his body has been donated to the Willd Body Program at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center for study and research.

He is survived by his parents, Marjorie and Ernest Hobdy; a son, Gabriel Dustin Lewis Sherwood; a son, Joseph Thomas

Lewis and his wife Destiny; a daughter, Amanda Fay Lewis; grandchildren Rosalio, Julian, Ethan, Brady, Joseph, and Ford; siblings Kathrin Ann Lewis, Carla Hobdy Kelly and her husband Andy, Susan Lewis Wesley, Ernest Eugene 'Gene' Hobdy Jr., Kent Blair Lewis and his wife Audrey, Kristin Lewis Schuele and her husband H.P., Jack Davis Hobdy and his partner, Ken Armstrong; nephews and nieces Tim Lewis and his wife Kaitlin, Sarah Foust, Michael Wesley Jr., Ben Lewis, and John Lewis.

Kirk was preceded in death by his grandparents and his father, Joseph L. Lewis.

The family would like to express its appreciation to all the friends, neighbors, coworkers, and Parkland/UTSW doctors who walked with Kirk on the last steps of his journey, especially Chau Thi Nguyen, his fishing buddy.

A memorial service was held at Joe's Coffee Shop in Irving on the afternoon of Sunday, October 7, 2012.

Lloyd Smith



Lloyd G. Smith, 80, of Waterloo, Iowa died on Wednesday, September 26, 2012 at Cedar Valley Hospice Home in Waterloo. He was born on June 18, 1932 in Imperial, Nebraska, the son of Clarence and Phoebe (Kennedy) Smith.

Lloyd married Angelene Garrett on November 3, 1990 in Waterloo. He served in the National Guard, worked at Rath Pack-

ing Company in Waterloo for 25 years, and later owned his own company, Smith Dry-wall.

Survivors include his wife, Angelene Smith, of Waterloo; three sons, Lloyd Smith, Jr. of Lincoln, Nebraska and his wife Gloria, Ronnie Dougherty of Waterloo, and Floyd Smith of Cedar Falls, Iowa and his wife Joelle; five daughters, Sherry Wilson of Rockford, Illinois, Linda Smith of Hollister, Missouri, Shanan Ott of Sumner, Iowa and her husband Russell, Kelly Marshall of Paris, Missouri and her husband Jeffrey, and Kelly Phillips of Houston, Texas and her husband Aaron; 19 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

Lloyd was preceded in death by his parents, three brothers, including his twin, Floyd, and five sisters.

Services were held at 1:00 pm on Friday, September 28, 2012 at Dahl-Van Hove-Schoof Funeral Home in Cedar Falls. Visitation was held one hour before the service. Memorials may be directed to the family. Condolences may be left at www.DahlFuneralHome.com.

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CPN joins Earlsboro's economic development efforts



CPN Economic Development Department employees Lakisha Meade (an Earlsboro native), second from left, and Dr. Jim Collard, second from right, join Earlsboro officials for a check presentation. They are, from left, Emeril Sandstrom, Park Committee member, Mayor Brian Nipper, Park Committee Chairman Rachelle Jones, Amanda Douglas, Park Committee member, and Mark Maloy, Earlsboro Schools Superintendent. Committee members not pictured are Amber Davis and Nick Nadeau, who is both a CPN member and a CPN employee.

Leaders in the small community of Earlsboro, Oklahoma, located a bit more than five miles from Citizen Potawatomi Nation headquarters, are tackling the task of economic development by improving the quality of life for Earlsboro residents. An initial project is a park near Earlsboro's business district.

Using grant money and donations, elected officials, members of a park committee, and local residents have outfitted the park with playground equipment for the youngsters. Next up is a walking trail that will follow the park's circumference. The Citizen Potawatomi Nation has stepped up to assist with the walking trail.

The Nation has presented a \$5,000 check to cover some of the construction costs. Mayor Brian Nipper says donations from the CPN and other benefactors "makes the project possible. We received a grant but have to match it, and our budget is tight."

Mayor Nipper believes enhancing quality of life will improve Earlsboro's chances for bringing new businesses and industry to town. "Just getting the community involved, getting the people that live here involved, getting to know your neighbor ... makes for a better community," he said.

Rachelle Jones, Earlsboro's Park Committee chairman, joined the mayor in extending thanks to donors and Earlsboro residents who have invested physical labor. "First, we would like to once again thank everyone for their generous support," Jones said. "We would like to take a moment to

provide an update on our progress as we approach the end of our first year of work on the development of the park since being awarded the Trail Grant. We know there hasn't been much of a change yet visually but we have been very busy behind the scenes."

Jones says that it took a while to find an engineer who would provide specifications for the trail itself. However, those services have been secured. "Thankfully, they are being provided free of charge," she said. "We have talked to and met with supervisors from the Pottawatomie County commissioners' crew several times to discuss and plan the layout for parking and sidewalks. They will be assisting us in any way they can to create the required ADA-compliant parking and access."

Additionally, Earlsboro officials have spoken to several contractors about constructing the actual trail itself. They have begun purchasing more tables, benches, trash containers, a drinking fountain, and a bicycle rack. "We are in the process of making arrangements to get the fence completed, and we are getting estimates for a sign. However, we are still searching for the perfect bridges at a reasonable cost," Jones added.

Mayor Nipper said, "We are excited to move forward into the action phase of the development and would like to remind Earlsboro residents that they are always welcome and encouraged to join in the park committee meetings and activities."

Economic development opportunities top the agenda

CPN hosts Consuls General at Heritage Center



Vice Chairman Linda Capps and Chairman John 'Rocky' Barrett join the Consuls General of France, Japan, Germany, Russia, Israel, the United Kingdom, and Canada at an event at the Citizen Potawatomi Nation's Cultural Heritage Center. The event's goal was to boost opportunities for economic development.

On Wednesday, the Citizen Potawatomi Nation hosted Consuls General of several foreign nations – an opportunity for the Nation to tout its economic and industrial development advantages. The event was part of the Oklahoma Governor's International Team's Consular Summit, which happens every four years.

One of the main purposes of the Summit is to highlight opportunities for doing business within the state, while strengthening the relationships between Oklahoma and the nations attending - France, Japan, Germany, Russia, Israel, the United Kingdom, and Canada.

CPN Chairman John 'Rocky' Barrett said Indian nations' tax advantages would be important to industrial and economic development partners. "The availability of almost all of the provisions trade zones and specialized tax zones also apply to the Indian nations," Chairman Barrett said.

Chairman Barrett also talked of the advantages that the CPN's First National Bank can offer in developing capital for these efforts. The Nation's Community Development Corporation is also a valuable tool, he said, "It functions almost like a private bank that can take an interest in a loan for an economic development project and

defer its position to the bank itself, in order to enhance the quality of the loan."

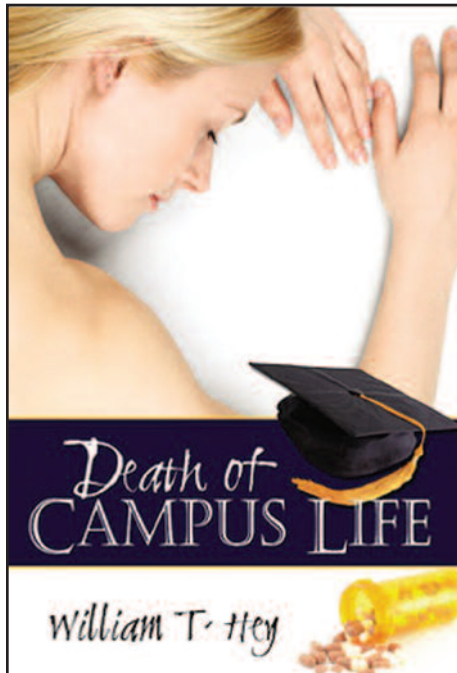
Following the economic development discussions, Sam Navarre of the Nation's language program described efforts to retain and revitalize the Potawatomi language. Then, fancy dancers Coby Lehman and Leslie Deer, both CPN employees, provided demonstrations of their art.



CPN member Coby Lehman demonstrates pow wow dance for the Consuls General who visited the CPN.

It's fourth book for Dr. William Hey

CPN member publishes *Death of Campus Life*



Citizen Potawatomi Nation member Dr. William Hey has published his first novel, *Death of Campus Life*, which is available from Wasteland Press in Shelbyville, Kentucky. Dr. Hey is a professor in the Department of Kinesiology, Recreation, & Sport at Western Kentucky University.

Citizen Potawatomi Nation member Dr. Willie Hey (pronounced High) has written a novel titled *Death of Campus Life*. *Death...* is set on the fictional campus of Jefferson State University in the foothills of the Appalachian Mountains in the Northeast corner of Alabama. The picturesque campus prides itself on being friendly, easy-going, and inviting. But, no one invited a killer into the students' and professors' midst, and his killing spree rocks the university and surrounding community to their core.

This debut work of fiction features Professor Van Celso and his unique perspectives and challenging experiences as a college faculty member. Professor Celso is accused of killing coeds. With the help of his best friend, Jesse Hawk, Van is willing to go to extremes to clear his name.

His professional reputation is on the line, as well as his life. Van must weave his way

through the politics of higher education and overcome betrayal and lies while trying to avoid becoming the next victim of a relentless killer who views him as a loose end in need of being tidied up.

Death of Campus Life is available online from Wasteland Press in Shelbyville, Kentucky.

Death of Campus Life is Dr. Hey's fourth book. He has also written an autobiographical book entitled *The Hawks Last Flight: Our Quest for a Championship* and two poetry books entitled *Reflective Rhymes: Volumes I (Lonely Limericks of Longing and Lost Loves) & II (A Menagerie of Doggerel Verse)*, and *Reflective Rhymes: Volumes III (Pensive Ponderings) & IV (Lagniappe Assonance)*.

Dr. Hey is a professor in the Department of Kinesiology, Recreation, & Sport at Western Kentucky University.

District #8 Mother-Daughter Team Publishes Children's Book



Anne O'Brien, left, and her mother, Barbara Johnson, pose at a recent book-signing for "*Patches In Her Dreams*", a project on which they collaborated.

Citizen Potawatomi Nation member Anne O'Brien from Anchorage, Alaska and her mother Barbara Johnson of Palmer, Alaska have collaborated to publish a children's story. "This Alaskan children's story, written from the point-of-view of a nine-year old girl, tells about a girl who dreamed of having a pet despite the No Pets Allowed policy at her family's apartment and how her dream came true," said Palmer Swanson School Librarian Sandy Moore.

That nine-year-old girl was then Anne Penniston, now co-author Anne O'Brien.

When Anne was six years old, she wanted pet but lived in an apartment that didn't allow pets. So her parents helped her plant a sunflower. At the end of the summer, a neighborhood bully destroyed her flower. This event inspired her to write a fictional story about a girl who met special pony named Patches owned by an itinerant pony photographer.

When Anne wrote the story, her mother Barbara illustrated it. "I tried to get a pub-

lisher to publish it then (when then-Anne Penniston was a child)," Ms. Johnson explained. "But, we received a rejection letter and soon afterwards we moved. So, the story was put away in a file for safe-keeping."

The story and drawings remained filed for years until Barbara Johnson joined a local writers group and revived it. With the help of a graphic designer and local book publishers, they finally began the process to self-publish the story.

Of this long process, Anne remarked, "I am excited about this book becoming a reality so many years later. This was actually very much a big theme for me for so long, wanting a pet of my own. There are so many kids out there who can relate to this, and hopefully grow up to get a pet of their own and love that pet as much as I do."

Anne is now a social worker and lives with her husband, two sons, -- and a dog. The book "*Patches In Her Dreams*" is now available in local book stores.

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Hurons hosted 2012 Potawatomi Gathering

Nottawaseppi Huron Potawatomis profiled

by Janet A. Pearl (Citizen Potawatomi)

The Nottawaseppi Huron Band of the Potawatomi Indians (NHBP) has a tribal vision that spans seven generations and is so unique a word had to be coined in its Native language to describe the band's bright future. That word is *widoktadwen*. The vision it represents needs special interpretation even in English. But the Native traditions the vision stands for are easy to understand as reflected through the attitude and actions of the small but mighty band of Potawatomi on Pine Creek Reservation in Fulton, Michigan.

However, the historical lessons learned during the band's 170 rugged years of formal existence are not to be forgotten as the NHBP forges ahead, according to tribal officials. The tribal council is headed by Chairperson Homer A. Mandoka. Jamie Stuck is vice chairperson.

The 1,100-member band had an opportunity to shine when it hosted the recent Gathering of Potawatomi Nations in August 2012 on its pristine acreage, once called Maguago. It is near Battle Creek, Michigan. The Gathering is an annual affair that brings together the nine bands of Potawatomi from around the United States and Canada. The celebration location rotates each year, with each nation or tribe takes turns hosting the festivities.

The nine nations/tribes include the Huron, the Citizen Potawatomi Nation (Oklahoma), Forest County Potawatomi (Wisconsin), Gun Lake Tribe (Michigan), Hannahville Potawatomi Community (Michigan), Pokagon Band of Potawatomi (Michigan), Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation (Kansas), and Walpole Island First Nation and Wasauksing First Nation (both of Ontario, Canada).

The Potawatomi word describes the mood enveloping the expansion of the tribal grounds that is coming to fruition in 2012. *Widoktadwen* begets a concept that has no specific definition in English, according to native Potawatomi speaker Donald A. Perrot of Waupun, Wisconsin. Perrot, a Prairie Band Potawatomi, was a lecturer at the NHBP Potawatomi Language Conference that preceded the three-day Gathering.

As explained in an NHBP tribal



These photos offer a glimpse of some of the construction work underway on the Nottawaseppi Huron Band of Potawatomi Indians reservation. The Nottawaseppi Huron Potawatomis hosted the 2012 Gathering of the Potawatomi Nations in August.

brochure, *widoktadwen* implies a mixture of traditions, including a sense of unity, togetherness, community, harmony, cooperation, communication, and shared sense of belonging together. "It is a unique cultural component of the Potawatomi," Perrot said.

A visitor to the blossoming reservation found much evidence of unity among the tribal members during the Gathering of Nations. A beautiful, recently-constructed pedestrian bridge and powwow arena grounds welcomed newcomers and reservation residents alike. The NHBP has striven to develop its resources following its formal recognition as a tribal government, for a second time, by the federal government in 1995, according to tribal historian John Rodwan.

The history of the Nottawaseppi Huron Band in southern Michigan reflects a long struggle of a humble people determined to stay on their land against all odds. From 1600 to the 1630s, the Huron occupied one-third of the Lower Peninsula of Michigan. About a decade later, the tribal members moved to Northern Wisconsin, remaining there until about 1687. Then, they migrated southward along Lake Michigan, settling in



an area between Chicago and Detroit, north to Milwaukee and south to Northern Indiana and Northeastern Illinois, according to a tribal publication written by Rodwan and Virginia Anewishki.

The 1821 Treaty of Chicago gave the Federal government most of that Huron Potawatomi land and created 16 parcels known as the Nottawaseppi Reservation on the banks of the St. Joseph River. Six years later, another treaty created a larger, central reservation of 99 reserves occupied by about 1,500 members.

However, this prime land was not home for long. A treaty in 1833 took away the reservation. In 1838, a forcible removal to Kansas was ordered by the Federal authorities, according to A People In Progress.

However, a two-year reprieve was given to the Nottawaseppi Huron, who were moved in 1840 to a camp near South Bend, Indiana. But the tenacity of the tribal members led them to resist the removal as they left the reservation and headed north into Canada or hid in the woods for months. It is said that, in an effort to round up the tribe, a general enlisted 200 soldiers and volunteers to flush them out, especially the

leaders, Phineas Pamptopee and Moguago, who were half-brothers.

Eventually 440 members of the tribe were imprisoned and began the trek to Kansas in October 1840. The brothers led a contingent of defectors near Chicago and that group returned to the area near Athens, Michigan. The others were herded onto boats on the Illinois River and crossed the Mississippi River with little food or fresh water available.

After disembarking, the imprisoned Natives walked 100 miles to designated land near the Osage River, north of what is now Topeka. But the land consisted of treeless plains, and the Nottawaseppi Huron longed for their lush, green timbers and navigable waters of the St. Joseph River. A white merchant from Athens, who had accompanied them to Kansas, helped a small group return to Athens in the spring of 1841. But they found they were not welcome back at the reservation. The abundant farmland had been taken over by white settlers.

The merchant, Buell Holcomb, got together with clergy and other sympathizers, and helped the group of about 40 Natives purchase sloping and rocky bottom-land with annuity money given them by the government for the forced resettlement to Kansas.

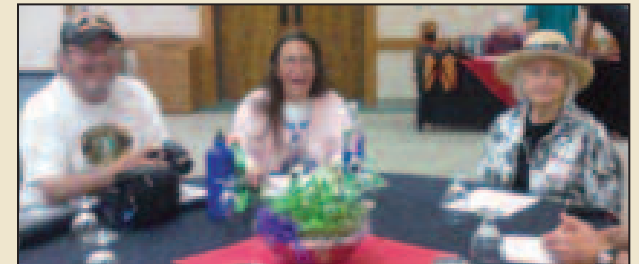
The tribal members who returned continued to speak their language and practice their traditions. They endured many hard years. By 1900, about 120 lived on the reservation. Most worked the land until industry came to the larger cities in Western Michigan in the 1940s. After World War II, many moved off the reservation to work in factories and construction. A few remained at Pine Creek Reservation, but their Native language skills diminished as less Potawatomi was spoken there.

During the language conference in August, Mandoka urged the Potawatomi attending to continue using the language as it was originally spoken. "Don't abbreviate the words of the language because the children follow the elders' example," Mandoka said.

"The language is important to preserve

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District #5 - Tribal Area Gathering - June 23, 2012



District #5 CPN Rep. Gene Lambert hosted a Tribal Area Gathering on June 10, 2012. In the photo at top left, we see Sylvia Weeks of Eads, Colorado, a Muller family descendant, her granddaughter, Ebanee Rose Moyers, and her husband, Tim Weeks. At top center, Toni Marlow of Brighton, Colorado and Marlene Perez and David Perez, both of Denver, prepare to enjoy the meeting. The trio are Acton descendants. Marlene is Toni's and David's mother. Attendees in the top right photo are Robert Dalton, his daughter, Kim Dalton of Bailey, Colorado, and Kim's mother, Carolyn Koester.

In the middle row at left, Dot and D.K. Spencer visit with Sam McCollum. Travis Boone of Colorado Springs, Colorado poses in the middle photo on row two with his daughters Landry and Kennedy. They are LaFromboise descendants. At right in the middle row, Tom Burns (standing) and his wife Beverly (at far right) sit with son Sean Burns and his family. All five Burnses are from Pueblo, Colorado.

In the third row, left, photo, Rep. Lambert presents Sam McCollum of Arvada, Colorado a Pendleton blanket for being the Wisest Potawatomi at the meeting. Tim Downing of Ft. Garland, Colorado was one of two members who received gifts for having travelled farthest to attend. Two-and-one-half-year-old Analeia Hand, a Nadeau descendant, was the youngest Potawatomi at the meeting. Her father, Steven Hand, is seated at right. And, Antoinette 'Toni' Marlow of Brighton, Colorado also received a gift for having travelled farthest.

CPN Eagle Aviary

by the CPN Eagle Ladies, Jennifer Randall and Bree Dunham

Quality medical care – it's something we all need, for ourselves and our families. Here at the CPN Eagle Aviary, there is no exception. We have entered into a partnership with the Oklahoma State University Center of Veterinary Health Science (OSU CVHS) to provide medical and educational support for the recently-opened Eagle Aviary.

The Avian, Exotic and Zoo Medicine Service of the OSU CVHS Veterinary Teaching Hospital is currently providing health care for any exotic and zoo animals, as well as any injured and orphaned wildlife brought to the Service. Their staff consists of Dr. Cornelia Ketz-Riley, Head of the Service, with more than 20 years of experience in zoo and wildlife medicine and rehabilitation. The staff also includes a full-time veterinary technician with extended experience in avian care and an intern, who is participating in an annual educational program.

We see this as a great learning and teaching opportunity, benefiting the CPN eagles, their caretakers, and OSU students and interns. Dr. Ketz-Riley has allowed us to be completely involved in the treating the Eagles. That gives us a great opportunity to learn.

Thus, we are fortunate to have access to the highest level of medical care available in the state at a greatly reduced price because of Wildlife Grant Funds through OSU. In turn, we provide a hands-on teaching environment for students under Dr. Ketz-Riley's direction. This allows us to leverage the Aviary program's financial resources for high-quality veterinary care.

The teaching environment demonstrates complete blood analysis as well as the standard physical exams and a more comprehensive treatment plan for each individual



From left, CPN Eagle Lady Bree Dunham holds an eagle as personnel from the Oklahoma State University Veterinary Medicine School vaccinate the CPN Eagle Aviary residents against West Nile Virus.

eagle. As we continue long-term care management for the eagles, it is reassuring to know that this will be a proactive solution to caring for them, alerting us to any compromising medical concerns that might not be visible through routine physical exams.

Just as the eagles have begun to settle into their new home here at the CPN Aviary, so have the concerns with the West Nile Virus (WNV) across many states, including Oklahoma. For the eagles which contract it, WNV means almost certain death. Should an Eagle survive the virus, it can be left blind or neurologically impaired, so we became very concerned.

Fortunately, there is an available vaccine. It requires a booster a few weeks after the initial dose. Since eagles are migratory birds, it is widely thought that adults should already have been exposed to the WNV and should have the antibodies necessary in

their systems to prevent them from becoming ill with the virus. However, there is no way to be certain without testing each eagle. During the time spent waiting for test results, any eagle could become infected if those antibodies are not present or if the eagle has not been vaccinated.

After consulting with Vice Chairman Linda Capps and Dr. Ketz-Riley, we decided to vaccinate all of the eagles to insure that they were, in fact, protected. The initial dose was administered early on the morning of August 31, 2012 to beat the heat of the day to reduce the stress on the eagles.

Following that, we had to wait a minimum of eight to 10 days for protection by the vaccine to develop. We waited somewhat impatiently. Finally, on September 19, all of the eagles received the follow-up booster vaccination and yearly physical exam.



At top, CPN Eagle Aviary residents Groucho and Gracie seem to be deeply satisfied with their new home.

At bottom, you get a very up-close-and-personal look at one of the eagles receiving a West Nile Virus vaccination.

All of them received a clean bill of health. Many of them have shown an increased overall health rating since their arrival at the end of June. In working to develop a standard for care of our CPN eagles, and with WNV predictions from the Center for Disease Control for the following year to continue to persist in this area, we have decided to vaccinate all eagles that come into the facility.

The Citizen Potawatomi Nation Tag Agency

The CPN Tag Agency is now open for CPN members' convenience at its new location at 1305 S. Beard, Shawnee, OK 74801. The new telephone number is 405-273-1009. Toll-free, it is 800-880-9880.

The Tag agency is now registering RVs and providing license plates for CPN members who live in Oklahoma. Please call before visiting to ensure you have all the required documents.



Ray Tainpeah Citizen Potawatomi Nation Health Care Worker

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CPN Construction Projects Maturing

by Mindy Ragan Wood

Shawnee-based Citizen Potawatomi Nation expansion projects are charging ahead. With the success of the Nation's diverse enterprises has come the need for expansion while the fulfillment of a broader vision becomes evident. As growing pains demand better parking, improved traffic flow, and resort amenities, CPN continues to mature into a prosperous nation which now reports half a billion dollar economic impact, according to a 2011 internal study.

Director of Commercial Construction/Project Manager Bill Smith sat for an interview on the progress of the FireLake Resort complex and Grand Casino complexes, along with other projects completed recently. The plans include a new casino at the FireLake Resort complex, a 40-room hotel, covered arena, and sophisticated on site amenities. The Grand Casino complex is undergoing major new construction to include a full-service spa, swimming pool, and 262-suite hotel with two new restaurants, a new event center, and expanded casino.

FireLake Resort now has an active Bowling Center, sports complex, RV park, 18-hole golf course, two restaurants, a 12-acre lake, convenience store, and gas station. With so many attractions, and more to come, traffic has become an immediate priority. "When you have a 6,000-seat arena, a casino, and a grocery store, parking becomes a considerable situation," said Smith. "Right now we can park 2,500 to 3,000 cars, which is five- to six-thousand people." But with 6,000 seats in the arena, parking would be an event that Smith says they will be prepared for.

The convenience store will be moved from its current site in the northeast corner of FireLake Discount Foods to a building which began its life as a convenience store and was most recently home to the CPN Police Department. This will create better traffic flow in the area that contains the supermarket and FireLake Casino.

The current FireLake Casino site will be used for additional parking. Projected to occupy 50- to 60-thousand square feet, the new FireLake Casino will be located just west of the existing location and north of the arena. "We may use an underground



The new First National Bank branch in south Shawnee opened to customers on Monday, September, 24, 2012. A Grand Opening will be held in October. The handsome bank's interior is seen above, with the exterior view at left. Work continues on the FireLodge Youth Council facility, seen in the above right photo at the right, immediately south of the Nation's Wellness Center.

parking garage," Smith said.

The new casino will add new machines on par with evolving technology and consumer demand, and may include a second or upper-level floor.

Conveniently located across from the new casino on Hardesty Road to the north will be a new hotel, proposed to offer 40 rooms.

FireLake Discount Foods will likely undergo some expansion as new space will be available with the vacated smoke shop, convenience store, KGFF Radio, and the WIC (Women, Infants, and Children Nutrition) office, a USDA federally funded grant program. The WIC office has a new building under construction directly behind the recently finished First National Bank at 1500 S. Gordon Cooper Drive.

The smoke shop will be housed in the new convenience store, and KGFF Radio could move to Brangus Road, east of the complex.

"The old police station, we're about to renovate that and move the convenience store, fuel and fuel pumps. This will help even out traffic and the flow of traffic will

make much more sense," said Smith.

The influx of traffic due to the success that Peltier Park's Ball Fields at FireLake continues to experience has been adequately met with parking space. Jason O'Connor, Director of the Ball Fields at FireLake, reported during the summer season to the Shawnee Outlook Magazine: "One weekend we had over 3,000 people come in one day. The hotels have been booked up with teams staying in town. Sonic had to get our schedule so they could be prepared. All the businesses around here are flourishing ... we have a tremendous outlook for next year."

With respect to the earth and better environmental practices, the FireLake Resort's grocery store, arena, and new casino will use geothermal energy, thanks to that 12-acre lake west of the ball fields where nine geothermal units are underground. Upon its opening, the lake's offerings will include fishing and paddleboats. However, Smith isn't comfortable providing a date. "Some of it depends on rainfall," he said "so God has a little bit to do with it."

In a forward-looking move, CPN also

constructed its own water tower, near completion. It stands 75 feet and holds approximately 150,000 gallons of water.

RV campers, who have come to expect sophisticated amenities, sometimes called "the million-dollar club," will appreciate what CPN's RV park will offer. The park will be situated just southwest of the festival grounds. Though not all amenities have been set in stone, just the possibilities should tempt anyone seeking the ultimate travel leisure.

"We have three tanker trucks which could be utilized with meters to pull up next to an RV without them ever having to move or do anything," Smith said. "We'll park it for you, service it for you, provide a maid to do the cleaning, provide a golf cart to get around the facility and resort. You can literally get around without ever getting off the concrete. That's the level of service we're talking about – top-notch amenities you don't find in a lot of RV parks."

Also nearing completion is a new street. "Right now we're starting on the road that will over the dam that will come from Hardesty on the east end of the lake and go across Squirrel Creek. The bridge is already there and will eventually lead to the new RV park and connect to Rangeline Road," said Smith.

The much-anticipated hotel at the Grand Casino complex, located along I-40 at the 178-mile exit, could be partially open by early next year. The 262-room, suite-style hotel will offer a full-service spa and outdoor swimming pool. "It [the pool] will not be on the ground floor but on a second or third floor. There are a lot of hotels that do that," said Smith.

A connector building will link much of the complex. "The third floor will close in the hotel, casino, and new events center so you can access the new restaurants, the casino, the new hotel, the parking garage, and the event center without ever going outside," said Smith.

The event center will seat 3,500 while the current event center space will likely be used for expanded gaming or retail shopping. The new location will occupy space where the administration and warehouse building are located. Those offices have been temporarily moved to a portion of the

parking garage, enclosed for office space but support buildings are under construction for anticipated maintenance needs and an administration office.

Once again, traffic flow and space concerns are being addressed due to the high traffic both the Grand Casino and the CPN's nearby Travel Plaza attract. "The least that will happen is a truck plaza on the north side of the creek will allow the trucks to stay pretty much on the north side and be serviced from that area. The plaza may stay where it is in terms of passenger vehicles but it's possible the whole thing will move. It has to do with parking and traffic congestion," Smith explained.

According to Smith, the plaza stays so busy with trucks that the traffic moving through there is something of concern. "Moving it to the north side of the creek will create a much better traffic flow and probably increase parking as well. The very least that will happen is that we will locate the diesel lines to help accommodate," he said

Smith said seeing the impact of these projects holds special meaning for him. "I worked for large corporations over the years, and most corporate executives are visionary out for about five years. (With Chairman John) 'Rocky' Barrett ... it's 50 years."

Smith also pointed out that "the dollars spent here go back into the community not only today, but way beyond our lifetime. There are construction projects on the table that will outlive us both. We'd like to see them or at least see some of them but that's fine (if we don't) because that's leaving the next generation an opportunity to continue that growth; to continue the prosperity that comes along with its successes."

In Smith's opinion, it's fortunate that CPN leadership has had enough foresight and is broad-minded enough to understand that what's good for the state and the community is good for the tribe.



The new home for the Women, Infants, & Children nutrition program will allow WIC to vacate its long-time office space in FireLake Discount Foods.



With its 262 rooms and new events center, the new Grand Casino and Resort is the centerpiece of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation's expansive set of new projects. Below, the diesel fueling area at the travel plaza will be relocated.



Work on the new administration building at Grand Casino and Grand Hotel and Resort continues apace. The administration building is located immediately west of the CPN West Clinic.



This is the south face of the new Arena at FireLake, which will seat some 5,000 people for concerts, trade shows, and other events.

CPN Election, con't. from page 1

Set-Aside Funds Budget.

The Citizen Potawatomi Nation Election Committee will mail Absentee Ballot Request Forms to all members who will be eligible to vote in the 2013 election. Additionally, to assist in CPN voters' obtaining an absentee ballot, a Ballot Request Form will be published in future editions of the *HowNiKan*.

Voters who wish to cast absentee ballots can obtain an absentee ballot by mailing back the postage-paid request form that will be mailed to them or clipping the request form from the *HowNiKan* and mailing it to the Election Committee at Citizen Potawatomi Nation, Election Committee, P.O. Box 310, Tecumseh, OK 74873.

Voters who cast an absentee ballot will not be able to vote in-person in Shawnee on June 30, 2013. However, if a voter obtains an Absentee Ballot then decides to vote in person, the Election Committee can verify whether the absentee ballot has been returned. If it has not been, the member will be allowed to vote in person.

Voters should remember that the Ballot Request Form must be postmarked no later than June 9, 2013. Voted absentee ballots must arrive in the Election Committee's post office box in Tecumseh, Oklahoma no later than 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 29, 2013.

Citizen Potawatomi Nation Cultural Heritage Center

1899 S. Gordon Cooper Drive

Shawnee, Oklahoma

Call 405-878-5830

Sunday & Monday: Closed
Tuesday-Friday: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Saturday: 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

FireLodge Tribal Youth Council

Youth Council Planning for a Big Year!

The Citizen Potawatomi Nation's FireLodge Tribal Youth Council has officially started its fourth year! The council will go into this new year with 18 current members, while welcoming six new youth. Goals include having participants of the youth council play a crucial role in the direction and maintenance of the FireLodge Tribal Youth Program (TYP). Part of the youth council's responsibility is to advise program staff and the Tribal Youth Advisory Board on the needs and interests of today's tribal youth.

During the third year of its existence, members of the youth council met on a regular basis to participate in various activities in an effort to enhance communication, develop trust and teamwork, and initiate meaningful friendships with their peers in their surrounding tribal communities. Some of these activities include such community service projects as volunteering, as well as training opportunities like the QPR Gateway Training for Suicide Prevention. Other events included social outings like attending a Thunder basketball game and an end-of-the-year leadership trip to Branson, Missouri. In Branson, the council completed additional training in suicide prevention.

During this fourth year, the FireLodge Youth Council members will strive to focus more on their Potawatomi heritage and



Members of the CPN FireLodge Tribal Youth Council pose during their Summer of 2012 trip to Branson, Missouri.

learning other Native American culture and traditions, while continuing to work to combat the bullying and suicide epidemic youth, which young people from all walks of life are facing. Their activities and fundraisers will be planned by the youth at each monthly gathering.

TYP Hosting Free Community Movie in Shawnee featuring **BULLY**

As many parents probably already know, bullying has long been a problem in our schools. However, the problem has become much, much worse in recent years. With the

advent of the internet and social networking, bullying has moved out of the classroom and into the 24-hour-a-day lives of the victims. As part of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation Tribal Youth Program's commitment to raising awareness about teen and Native American suicide, we have chosen to put a particular emphasis on bullying prevention. Bullying is often considered a key contributor to teen suicides.

As a kickoff to our new initiative, the TYP is inviting the local community around Shawnee to a special free screening of the documentary **Bully**. The critically acclaimed film was actually shot largely in Oklahoma, and takes a brutally honest look

at the lives of both the bullies and their victims. The showing will take place on October 27, 2012 at 4:30 p.m. at Jones Theatres Cinema Centre 8 (3031 N. Harrison in Shawnee.) In addition to the film, all attendees will receive a free jacket emblazoned with an anti-bullying message.

Tickets are required for entry. If you would like a ticket please call the TYP office at 405-598-0797. Tickets will also be available at the CPN Family Fun Day at the CPN Reunion Halls on the tribal pow-wow grounds which is planned for the same day (October 27th) between 1:00 and 4:00 p.m.

TYP Serving Parents Too!

Beginning on November 5th, a new parenting support network will form. Any community member who is interested in improving his or her skills when it comes to parenting teenagers will want to be sure and enroll. The classes are free and will meet from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. every Monday for four to five weeks at the FIRE Center in Tecumseh, Oklahoma. Dinner and childcare are available.

Total Transformation Parenting is the curriculum used to guide the sessions, and parents are encouraged to bring their personal experiences, successes, and struggles into the process to learn from one another.

Want More Info?

For more information about the FireLodge Youth Council, to reserve your tickets for the **BULLY** movie, or to enroll in the parenting support network, contact Michael Logan at 405-598-0797 or by e-mail at michael.logan@potawatomi.org.

Citizen Potawatomi Nation Women, Infants, Children (WIC) Nutrition Program

The WIC program provides nutritious supplemental foods to program participants using vouchers.

The WIC program serves as an adjunct to good health care during critical stages of a child's growth and development.

For more information, contact the Specialist in your area: Director Shelley Schneider; Shawnee Area, Tammy Wood, 405-273-3216; South Oklahoma City Area, Angie Igo, 405-632-4143; North OkC, Shalan Pearson, 405-232-3173; Prague, McLoud, and Perkins, Sarah Dailey, 800-880-9880.

Fall Feast at the CPN District #2 Office

Come share a delicious Fall Feast and the company of Fellow Potawatomis and our families and guests and hear about what is happening with our Nation and in District #2. Please RSVP to ecarney@potawatomi.org or 1-866-961-6988 by 11/3/12!

When: Saturday, November 10, 11:30am – 2:30pm

Where: CPN District #2 Office/701 8th Street NW, Washington DC, 3rd Floor

What: I hope you can join in -- If you have a craft you'd like to share with the group, I would appreciate hearing from you. We can also play the Hand Game if there is interest! Please check out my website for more details.

CPN District #2 Rep. Eva Marie Carney

David W. wins \$465,000 at Grand Casino Recently retired serviceman is big winner



Recently retired serviceman David W. has a nest egg with which to begin his second career. Recently, he won \$465,000 a wide-area progressive jackpot on the Wizard Of Oz slot machine at Grand Casino.

Shawnee, OK —When David W. went to Sulphur, Oklahoma to visit his parents, little did he know that he would be going back home to Honolulu, Hawaii some \$465,000 richer. David, who recently retired from the military, won a wide-area progressive jackpot on the Wizard Of Oz slot machine at Grand Casino in Shawnee, Oklahoma.

“This couldn’t have happened to me at a better time,” David remarked. “This was a great visit to Oklahoma!”

“We are very excited for David,” said Steve Degraffenreid, General Manager of Grand Casino Resort. “The Wizard Of Oz game is one of our customers’ favorites, and I’m sure it’s now one of David’s favorite games. It gives a whole new meaning to, ‘There’s no place like home.’”

Presented with pride by the Citizen

Potawatomi Nation, the Grand Casino features more than 1,800 Vegas-style games in the beautiful 125,000 square foot facility, from the hottest slot machines to some 100 table games. Six percent of the Grand’s net gaming revenue from the games designated “Class 3, Oklahoma Compact” goes to support the state’s public education.

Dining options at Grand Casino range from sizzling steaks at Embers Steakhouse to the exciting Grandstand Sports Grille and The Grand Buffet.

Construction is well underway on the new Grand Hotel & Resort which will feature 262 luxurious suites and a new 2,500 seat theater. These new amenities are set to open in early 2013. The Grand Casino is conveniently located just east of Oklahoma City on Interstate 40 at Exit 178 in Shawnee.

Citizen Potawatomi Veterans

To schedule the CPN Veterans Organization Color Guard, contact Herb Holton at 405-598-5984 or e-mail him at herb39h@valornet.com.



FREE COMMUNITY SHOWING SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2012



DOORS OPEN AT 4, SHOW AT 4:30 SHAWNEE CINEMA CENTRE 8

The number of tickets available are limited. You may reserve tickets by calling Michael Logan at the Tribal Youth Program at 405-598-0797, or come by our booth at Family Fun Day from 1PM-4PM the day of showing at the CPN Pow-Wow Grounds, 1702 S. Gordon Cooper Dr. in Shawnee.

*Ticket is required for entry. All guests will receive a free jacket.

First 200 guests will also receive a free snack voucher.



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Citizen Potawatomi Nation Tribal Youth Program





Bozho,

I have good news for Oklahoma veterans. As of November 1, 2012, veterans applying for or renewing an Oklahoma Drivers License can have a special designation as a "Veteran" placed on the new driver's license. It will have a U.S. flag and the word "veteran" in the upper left corner of the license. All you need is proof of your status as a veteran. You can use a valid Uniformed Services Identity card, a U.S. Department of Defense form DD-214 or 215, a World War II discharge document WD ADO Form, a NavPers Form that shows a discharge status of "honorable" or "general under honorable conditions," or a U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs photo identification card.

Being a veteran can have its privileges. Many stores, theaters, and restaurants are giving discounts to military personnel and veterans. This new driver's license can be used to identify you as a veteran, allowing

you to take advantage of these discounts.

For those of you who might be interested in following what is happening in Veterans Affairs at the Oklahoma state capital, you can listen to their meetings online with your computer by going to www.oksenate.gov. That website has a menu that can link you to "meeting notices" under the "calendars" category, and the "media" topic has a listing for live video to sit in on their meetings or an "audio clips" archive to listen to past meetings. It is one way to stay informed.

Another way to be informed is to join the CPN Veterans Organization's meetings on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. All tribal veterans are welcome. For more information about our meetings and becoming a member, visit our website at: www.cpnveterans.com.

Migwetch!

Daryl Talbot

Vice Commander

Current Status of the Ongoing Comprehensive Water Plan



The Citizen Potawatomi Nation is preparing a Comprehensive Water Resources Plan that honors the Environmental Protection and Sustainability of our Tribal Lands and Resources for the next 50 years. This is a multi-year study that the Citizen Potawatomi Nation (CPN) and the United States Geological Survey (USGS) are joining forces to complete.

Through this joint endeavor, several initial projects have already taken place. For instance, the USGS has gathered geographic and hydrologic data that characterizes the water use and water quality within our tribal jurisdictional boundaries,

including a Digital Hydrologic Atlas. The CPN has also joined forces with an economist from Oklahoma City University (OCU) to complete an Economic Water Demand Analysis. With the successful implementation of this plan, a guide for decision-making to sustain water availability for tribal development for the next 50 years will result.

Anyone who would like to have any further information on this project can contact Jim Collard or Lakisha Meade in the CPN Planning and Economic Development Department at 405-275-3121.

Any CPN veterans or family members of CPN veterans who would like to submit photos for the Veterans Wall of Honor please submit the following:

- **Must** be an Enrolled CPN tribal member.
- Copy of DD 214s. If Active Duty, this form is not necessary.
- **Must** have an Honorable Discharge.
- 4 x 6 image or **LARGER** in military uniform (original picture if possible, a scanned copy will also work)

We are honoring **all CPN tribal members** who served or are currently serving in the United States Armed Forces.

Please submit information/photos to:

Stacy S. Coon
V.W.O.H Operating Specialist
1899 S. Gordon Cooper Drive
Shawnee, Ok 74801

Or by e-mail: scoon@potawatomi.org

If you have military memorabilia you would like to donate to the VWOH, please contact Stacy directly at 405-878-5830, ext. 7106.

YOUR CPN LEGISLATOR NEEDS YOU!

Due to privacy concerns, CPN legislators are not routinely given your street addresses. So, you as CPN citizens need to reach out to them! If you are a CPN member and would like to receive regular e-mailings of information from your Citizen Potawatomi Nation legislator, please send him or her an e-mail the legislator's e-mail address.

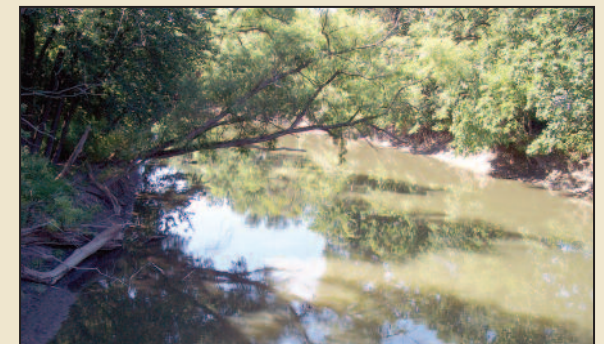
Please include your name, e-mail address, home phone number, cell phone number, and street address.

You can find your legislator's address and e-mail address at www.Potawatomi.org/Government/Legislature/default.aspx/.

Rep. David Barrett Visits Forest Home Cemetery

En route to the 2012 Gathering of the Potawatomi Nations in Michigan, District #10 (Oklahoma) Rep. David Barrett had the life-changing opportunity to visit the Forest Home Cemetery, where his Potawatomi great-great-grandmother, Margaret Bourassa/Mnitoqua, tended to Potawatomi graves. He writes about the experience in his column, on page 20. Pictured here,

at left, are the obelisk erected at cemetery patron Ferdinand and Haase's behest, along with a photo of Haase's headstone. The top two photos in the middle column show the mausoleums constructed adjacent to Potawatomi burial mounds. The third photo from the top shows the grave monument to Isaac Dickens, father of renowned author Charles Dickens. The bottom photo in that column and the one to its immediate left offer views of the cemetery. Atop the right column is a photo offering another view of the mausoleums and Potawatomi burial mounds. Below that is a view of the Des Plaines River as it flows through the Forest Home Cemetery. And, the bottom photo shows a man-made tree monument.



Legislative Columns

District #1 - Roy Slavin

Bozho nikanek,

I have just returned home after a four-day trip to tribal headquarters. I have made this trip many times, but this trip was special. What made it special is that my wife Julia and I were accompanied by her sister and brother-in-law, who were curious about my heritage and our tribal grounds that they have heard so much about from me. Seeing all of this through the eyes of the uninitiated was an eye-opener for those of us who have watched our Nation grow for the past 30-or-so years.

We were there for four days, and that is not nearly enough time to see and appreciate all that is there to see. The first day was spent just driving around, pointing out all that has been built in the past several years ... the Cultural Heritage Center, the clinics, the wellness center (with every kind of fitness equipment available) including a running track and swimming pool, the gym, the duplexes (elder housing), the new bank at the corner of Gordon Cooper Drive and Hardesty Road. (This is across the street from FireLake Discount Foods and FireLake Entertainment Center, with its casino and bingo hall),

There is also the Bowling Center at FireLake, equipped with state-of-the-art Brunswick equipment. The bowling lanes are next to a softball complex that soon will have baseball and soccer fields, also. All this is in an area that will include a shooting range (gun and archery), event center, a 5000-plus-seat facility that can host everything from livestock vents to concerts to trade shows and car shows.

Just a short distance east of the intersection of Gordon Cooper Drive and Hardesty is perhaps the highlight of any visit, the Eagle Aviary, where wounded or injured eagles are taken in and cared for until they are able to be released back into the wild. At present the aviary houses eight bald eagles that would have otherwise been euthanized. Jennifer Randell and Bree Dunham manage the facility and provide much TLC to the occupants. The aviary is one of only four in the United States, and is the result of Jennifer's and Bree's dream and a concerted ef-



fort by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Citizen Potawatomi Nation. All of this is in close proximity to tribal headquarters.

Just a short distance west on Interstate 40 is Grand Casino and the soon-to-be-completed, 262-room hotel. – Grand Hotel and Resort. Grand Casino and Grand Hotel offer all the amenities of Las Vegas' finest casinos. The casino also houses the Embers Restaurant, which is second to none.

Another highlight of the trip, and a must-see if you ever visit the area, is the Sacred Heart Mission. Sacred Heart Mission was established in 1886 at the request of the Potawatomi tribe. The 640-acre site within the Potawatomi reservation was given to the Benedictine order to erect a school and church for Potawatomi children. After the turn of the Twentieth Century, the mission had become a religious and cultural mecca for tribal members. Today it still holds a special sacredness.

Perhaps 20 years ago, more or less, Chairman John Barrett told me one of his goals was to make our tribal grounds a vacation destination. Congratulations, Chairman Barrett, your goal has been achieved. There seems to be something here for everyone. For those of you who have never been here, consider making FireLake your next vacation destination, and know that the

very best time is during festival, the last weekend in June.

I have mentioned naming ceremonies in previous articles and would be remiss if I didn't mention that I had the honor of naming one of my District #1 members, Jacqueline Farr, at her home in Warsaw, Missouri. The naming was held in a prayer circle prepared by Jacqueline's husband in a beautiful location. The ceremony was attended by many friends and family members. It was followed by a wonderful feast in her home. If you have not received your name and would like to do so, let me know. I will send

you the information and protocol for making the request.

I will close this article as always with a request for your contact information. Due to privacy issues, the Nation cannot provide me with your information. If you do not receive e-mail or regular mail from me, it's because I do not have your contact information. I can be reached at rsllavin@potawatomi.org or 6730 Tower Drive, Kansas City, MO 64151

*Migwetch, bama pi,
Roy/Netagtege*

District #2 - Eva Marie Carney

Bozho/Hello all,

Recently, I learned that October. 21, 2012 is the official date for canonization (celebrating the sainthood of) the first Native American saint, Kateri Tekakwitha. As a Catholic, her canonization holds meaning for me. During my recent trip to New Mexico, I was pleased to find the shops were full of plaques and art work depicting her. At the end of this column, I've included a photo of the lovely carved statue of Saint Kateri at the National Kateri Shrine in Fonda, New York.

And while I believe I've got Saint Kateri in my corner and am thankful for that, I also believe very strongly in the need for robust government laws and programs to protect women, including laws addressing the crime of domestic violence. The Violence Against Women Act (VAWA), for example, which first passed in 1994 and has since been reauthorized twice, provides tough federal penalties for domestic violence and provides funding for groups and services that aid victims of domestic abuse.

For my pro bono law clients who have chosen the USA as their home, I have seen first-hand how VAWA gives victims of domestic violence the opportunity to self-petition for green cards and U.S. citizenship, without needing to rely on an abusive spouse or parent to "sponsor" them. This takes away their abusers' ability to threaten withholding of sponsorship unless the clients acquiesce in the violent relationship.

Unfortunately, a third reauthorization of



the VAWA has been held up by the Congress in this election year. I hope you will take the opportunity to learn more about the law and urge your representatives to vote for its reauthorization; the lives of many good women depend on it. The National Congress of American Indians' (NCAI) website provides up-to-date information on the reauthorization efforts and in-depth briefing on one of the issues that has derailed the reauthorization - the issue of extending tribal criminal jurisdiction over non-Native abusers of Native women if the abuse occurs on tribal lands. The NCAI has a useful webpage titled "Tips for Contacting Congress" that may be helpful to you, too. Google NCAI and "Contacting Congress" for the webpage.

Closer to home (meaning our reservation lands in Shawnee), I want to make sure that readers know of the services offered by FireLodge Child & Family Services, our local resource for confidential services geared toward youth and families. Among the services provided are: Indian Child Welfare, Child Protection, Family Preservation, Family and/or Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault, as well as referrals for individual, family, and group counseling.

On the domestic violence and sexual assault front, national statistics reflect that Native American women are three times more likely to become a victim of domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking than non-Natives. What qualifies as domestic violence? The excellent resource website domesticviolence.org has this definition: "Domestic violence and emotional abuse are behaviors used by one person in a relationship to control the other. Partners may be married or not married; heterosexual, gay, or lesbian; living together, separated or dating. Examples of abuse include: name-calling or putdowns; keeping a partner from contacting his or her family or friends; withholding money; stopping a partner from getting or keeping a job; actual or threatened physical harm; sexual assault; stalking; or intimidation. Violence can be criminal and includes physical assault (hitting, pushing, shoving, etc.), sexual abuse (unwanted or forced sexual activity), and stalking. Although emotional, psychological, and financial abuse are not criminal behaviors, they are forms of abuse and can lead to criminal violence."

Through its programming, our Nation is working to eliminate all forms of violence against women and children, and is advocating for the rights and needs of all victims of domestic violence. Our self-governance office actively seeks funding for model programming and to contribute to our construction of safe houses and provision of services. As your legislator I have a window into these efforts when we are presented with requests to authorize submission of funding and grant-request proposals. If you or a relative are in need of services or a referral, I really encourage you to contact the CPN staff – specifically, Director Janet Draper or Domestic Violence Coordinator Tiffany Barrett. They can be reached through FireLodge Children & Family Services, 1601 S. Gordon Cooper Drive,

Shawnee, OK 74801. Their phone number is 405-878-4831, and their fax number is 405-878-4659. There is more information at www.potawatomi.org. These women are caring professionals and will provide help and referrals as appropriate.

Specifically on the domestic violence front, the Nation operates a program titled "House of Hope," which can be accessed by the web at cpnhouseofhope.org. (The logo for the program is pictured at the bottom of this column.) The House of Hope phone is 405-275-3176. Its fax number is 405-214-0638. Here is how the House of Hope describes its services:

- **Victim Advocacy:** Advocates assist victims with crisis intervention, safety planning, locating emergency shelter, referrals to tribal and community resources, and emotional support and encouragement.

- **Court Advocacy:** Our advocates assist victims with obtaining emergency protective orders, as well as offer support in other court proceedings.

- **Counseling:** Our program is proud to offer free counseling for victims with state licensed Domestic Violence Counselors.

- **Transitional Housing:** Housing is offered to victims, along with the opportunity to become more financially stable before obtaining residency of their own.

- **Educational Assistance:** Our program assists in obtaining GED, vocational, and higher education. Tuition costs, book costs, and supplies are also offered.

- **Transportation:** Our transporter is available to transport clients on a case-by-case basis.

- **Legal Assistance:** This service covers assisting with protective order, divorce, custody, child support, paternity, and other domestic-related cases.

- **Clothes Closet:** This service is provided to all victims in need. We have shoes and clothing in all sizes and varieties. We also have books, bedding, toys, and household items.

Even if a CPN domestic violence victim lives far from Shawnee, the Nation can provide referrals to like programs in the local area and Mses. Draper and Barrett or their staffs can also advise on the availability of housing and other services in Shawnee, if relocating is an option. Further, it does not hurt to keep the National Domestic Violence Hotline number at hand, should a relative or friend need it. It is 800.787.3244,

and it operates 24 hours a day. Calling 911 also always is an option.

Three last notes:

1. There will be a Fall Feast in the District #2 office in Washington, D.C. on Saturday, November 10, 2012, starting at 11:30 a.m. Please RSVP to me to my e-mail address or phone number below, by November 3rd. CPN families and their friends are welcome; the food and company will be great, and I'll share information about goings-on at the Nation and in District #2. We also can have a hand games competition if there is interest.

2. Please send me your contact details,

including e-mail address if available. Building community is a person-by-person endeavor; please make sure you are included! Incentive: If I have your snail mail address before mid-December you will receive a CPN-themed holiday mailing this year.

3. Please don't forget to vote on Tuesday, November 6th. Your vote matters!

Migwetch,

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District #3 - Robert Whistler

Hello again from District #3,

This month, the American Indian Chamber of Commerce of Texas made their usual call for applications for two \$1,000.00 scholarships. The results from that won't be out until next month, but I am happy to say that several of our Potawatomi youth participated and filed applications.

At the moment, I ask all of you to step forward and participate in the future of our country. One of the greatest tragedies I see each year in our Nation's elections is the failure to vote. Routinely we have less than a 30% voter participation. The voter registration process in Texas closed on October 9. For those of you who are already registered, I ask you to take the time to vote on November 6.

In the one of the final two weekends in October and the first weekend of November, there will be District #3 meetings in several cities. One of those meetings will be a joint meeting with District #5. It will be held in Abilene. The other meeting will be in Lewisville. We will need to defer our planned meeting in south Texas until after the first of the year.

There have been many new additions on our tribal grounds, and information along with photos will be offered to bring you up-to-date. Post cards with the meeting details are being mailed, so be on the lookout for the announcement for the meeting nearest you. Please be sure to follow the instructions to register, so we know how many to plan for. I look forward to seeing you there.

My list of e-mail addresses for the district is still far below where it should be for the number of citizens living here. Please



send me an e-mail message so that I have contact information on you to send out information as the month proceeds.

I am honored to be your representative and strive to keep you informed on things taking place and serving you as your elected legislator. To do that, I need to be able to contact you. So please, help me have the way to accomplish that.

Bama mine (later),
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If you are a CPN member and would like to receive regular e-mailings of information from your Citizen Potawatomi Nation legislator, please send him or her an e-mail. Please include your name, e-mail address, home phone number, cell phone number, and street address.

You can find your legislator's address and e-mail address at www.Potawatomi.org/Government/Legislature/default.aspx/.

District #5 - Gene Lambert

Hello out there in Native Land,

I always wonder, month-to-month, about the things you would like to hear about. My colleagues always write such wonderful articles, and I am continually impressed with their messages. As for myself, I try to think about different subjects, and go blank.

Even so, today, let's talk about the prejudices of the world and/or the arrogance of some. It is a subject we have experienced and observed for generations. Maybe, we have even gone numb to what that it is or means. We all like to think we are special in some form or another. You could be a great writer, painter, poet, performer, or just a better person in someone's view.

If you are one of the aforementioned, then know that the painter needs someone who appreciates his work or a performer might require someone to listen. We all need someone. It is too-dynamic a universe.

Prejudices come in many forms - past, present, and future. We could be considered the wrong culture, of an unusual religion, divorced, married too many times, too tall, too short, too big, or too small. But the truth is, we are all the same in levels of importance. We want the same things out of life as a net. The way we go about it might differ but the end result is that all of us want health, wealth, happiness, family, interesting careers, etc.

One of the newer forms of prejudice is based on educational attainment. You can hear people sharing: "I have my Associates degree." "Really, I have my Bachelors." And, of course, it escalates to the Ph.D. level. I am not going to suggest that education isn't important. In fact, it is one of the smartest things you can do for yourself.

Many choose what they want to learn then determine that, when someone else doesn't know what they know, the second person is ignorant. No! That person just doesn't know the same things that you know. His contribution to the world or that subject is simply different.

Education expands your world, broadens your mind, and creates the reality of how little we do know. I liken it to a beautifully woven Potawatomi blanket you could find in our gift shop. It is exciting to see the



threads woven together in such a way that it creates a story or picture, igniting thoughts of beauty and or wellbeing.

You remember the story Chairman John Barrett tells about the importance of the blanket to a Native American. In case you don't, he always talks about the blanket being for warmth, a pillow, a shawl, your bed at night, or to block the hot sun from you during the day.

As you look at the blanket, do you wonder which threads it could do without? Do you think that one thread is more important than the other? Doubtful!

It takes each of us to keep the puzzle of life together, and it was woven with a master plan. You play a part and have as much significance as anyone else. Without you, there would be only a partial design or story. It would never come together as it was intended without you.

We are the Citizen Potawatomi Nation. Without you, there would be no community of families. Each of you is as important as anyone else. And, we are, without prejudice, the best Native American Community in this United States of America.

I am pleased to be a part and honored to serve you.

See you all soon.

Gene Lambert

Eunice I. Lambert

Legislator, District #5

District #7 - Mark Johnson

Bozho,

The month of November is not only Native American Heritage month, but the 11th of November is also Veterans Day. Our Nation's veterans hold a special and honored place within the tribe, and they are remembered on our Veterans Wall of Honor at the Cultural Heritage Center. If you have a veteran in your family, the 11th would be a great day to take him or her to lunch and listen to his or her story. Then, let that veteran know how much you appreciate the sacrifices that he made for our Nation, or you can find your own way to honor him if he has walked on already.

It is also a great time to reflect on what it means to me to be a Citizen Potawatomi and on the rich history that we are all descendants of. Our Nation's Language Department holds regular online beginner language lessons that are open to all members. They are a great way to become connected with your heritage. There are many resources available to you, both on the internet and through our Cultural Heritage Center and their website www.potawatomi-heritage.org.

One of the many questions that gets asked is "Why are not more services available to our members on the West Coast?" It may or may not be an easy answer, depending on what service or issue you need help with. The simplest answer is that our Nation is located in Oklahoma, and a large number of our members reside within our Nation's jurisdictional boundaries and elsewhere in Oklahoma. The most manageable way for the CPN is to provide services there.

Many services are provided to our members across the United States, such as medical care though your nearest Indian Health Service-affiliated clinic. Most of these clinics only require you to provide proof of your membership in a federally-recognized tribe. That's where your CPN membership card comes in handy.

Once again, I would like to say what an honor it is to serve you as your District #7 representative. As always, give me a call. I will be happy to work with you on any questions you might have, or provide you with additional information you may need to access tribal benefits that you are entitled to. Please also visit my website for more in-



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Brothers Charles Johnson (Navy) and Andrew Johnson (Army) in Hawaii during World War II

District #8 - Dave Carney

Bozho, Jayek (Hello, Everyone),

It seems as though 2012 was a particularly busy and unsettling year, with lots of changes. My family and I spent lots of the year traveling, both for the tribe and to fulfill my wife's "bucket list" for our 18-year-old son before he went off to college at the University of Washington. The bucket list included visiting the Grand Canyon and Hawaii. Tribal travel included trips to Oregon, Alaska, Oklahoma, and Idaho.

Other changes in 2012 included the passing of good friends and the divorces of several couples who are our friends and contemporaries. My aunt who lived in the same house in New Jersey for 66 years moved to a warmer climate! Change, change, change!

Where I live (and throughout many District #8 communities) it seems like businesses are closing weekly. These are not flash-in-the-pan, ill-conceived businesses. They are long-time, bread-and-butter businesses. Every time you see a small business close its doors, you are only seeing part of the story. There are freshly unemployed workers, both at the closed business and other workers from nearby businesses that provided goods and services to it, being impacted. The owner's personal finances are usually wrecked after struggling to keep the doors open. The business tax revenue paid to the state and local municipality is gone. Belts are tightening; things are tougher.

Things are changing, and it is these periods of change that make you reflect on what is important and who you can count on. I am very proud of the Nation's forethought in setting up the benefits we all can access at critical junctures of change in our lives:

My son, Nick, was awarded the CPN scholarship and student housing assistance funds. This is a huge help to us as we have three more kids who will be attending college in the years to come. Thanks to the leaders that set up these programs and the dedicated staff that administer them!

One of my friends who passed this year was a CPN member. His family was able to afford his final arrangements (even though they had a mountain of medical bills from his long illness) due to the Nation's burial assistance benefit. What a blessing and stress reliever in an emotional time!



Lastly, my aunt will be accessing the housing grant for closing costs to assist her in buying her richly deserved new home in sunny Florida. I'm glad the Nation can be a part of that!

If you find yourself or the tribal members in your household are in a time of transition such as in my examples above, please go to www.potawatomi.org or www.dave-carney.com to find out about the benefits you may qualify for.

Please watch your mail for a postcard invitation to a November 10, 2012 Fall Feast" in Olympia, Washington. I'm very excited about this event because it will feature staff from the Cultural Heritage Center presenting information about programs, performing traditional dance in regalia, and interviewing members for the "Heritage Project". Since it is November, I expect we will be treating these Oklahomans to the steady Northwest drizzle! Please RSVP via e-mail or phone. It will be a good time.

Please feel free to contact me if I can assist you. If you are not getting a regular e-mail from me, it's because I don't have your information. Please contact me, and I'll add you to the address book. Your address is not shared with anyone else unless you ask me to do so.

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District #9 ~ Paul Wesselhöft

Bozho, Nikan,

A FATHER'S PRIDE

My daughter, Holly Wesselhöft, a graduate of the first Potawatomi Leadership Program in 2003, is sacrificing a year or two of a promising career so she can volunteer helping girls, age 13 through 18, in the third world. Holly is moving from her luxury-industry job in New York City to Arusha, Tanzania in Africa. After anxious days, Holly gave her boss at Meridian Audio a six-week notice recently; he could not have been more supportive.

She will be giving her service without pay to The Girls Foundation of Tanzania. To learn about this charitable organization, you can go to www.girlsfoundationoftanzania.org. The foundation is also on Facebook.

Holly says, "The Girls Foundation of Tanzania is a boarding academy for some of the top-performing girls in Tanzania and focuses on helping adolescent girls get ahead in their schooling while also assisting them in dreaming big and setting life and career goals."

Michael Dodson interviewed Holly on the radio program "The Native American Speaks," which is broadcast on our CPN radio station, KGFF-AM (1450), and on an Oklahoma City News/Talk station, KOKC-AM (1520). The over-the-air broadcast was on Sunday, September 30, 2012. But, you can hear this interview on the Nation's website, www.Potawatomi.org

Holly was inspired to help girls in a poor country as she read the book *Half The Sky: Turning Oppression Into Opportunity For Women Worldwide* by Pulitzer Prize winner Nicholas Kristof and his wife, Sheryl WuDunn. *Half The Sky* is also on Facebook.

Holly has begun a blog titled "Tales From Tanzania." You can read it at www.hollywesselhoft.com. After she arrives, she plans to post happenings in Africa. Her arrival-in-Africa date was scheduled to be October 22.

Her mother and I are very proud of Holly for having such a big heart for African girls. We will miss her, and our prayers are with her. Have you noticed, these Potawatomi



Leadership Program graduates are out to change the world?

(Editor's note: Rep. Wesselhöft is precisely on point with his last statement. On a recent evening, sitting at home and monitoring Facebook, the editor first received a notice that CPN member Meghan L. Thomas, a PLP alumnae who had spent a summer as an intern in the CPN Public Information office, had accepted a position as a Business Reporter at China Daily in Beijing, China. After having graduated from the Cronkite School of Journalism at Arizona State University, Megan is working toward a post-graduate degree at Tsinghua University in China.

A few minutes after Megan's post, one from PLP alumnae Ashley Barshaw, who also spent a summer interning in the CPN Public Information office, popped up on Facebook. Ashley was announcing that she had been named director of Denton Community Television. She is nearing completion of an undergraduate degree in communications at the University of North Texas in Denton.

Longer stories about both Megan and Ashley for future editions of the How-NiKan are in the works.)

Migwetch,

Paul Wesselhöft/Naganit (Leader)

District #10 ~ David Barrett

Bozho,

If you had the opportunity to go back in time, would you? For a long time after doing more research on my heritage, I've wished that I had the drive that is in me now to have taken advantage of talking more with my dad and his mother about our past. My grandmother shied away from talking about the bad times and stayed focused on the here and now.

This past summer of 2012 marked another leg of my journey to try to capture what sort of life was possible for our ancestors and try to get a sense of the areas they roamed. Having lived in Oklahoma most of my life, with a few exceptions, it is likely that I would not have enjoyed being on the move as most of the Indian tribes were, because circumstances not of their own doing.

But, going to Forest Home Cemetery located in Chicago, Illinois generated a very sobering feeling that I had not expected to experience. From research conducted for many months before I went to Forest Home, I was able to go to the places that I wanted to see, once I arrived. To my amazement, it was a mission with success.

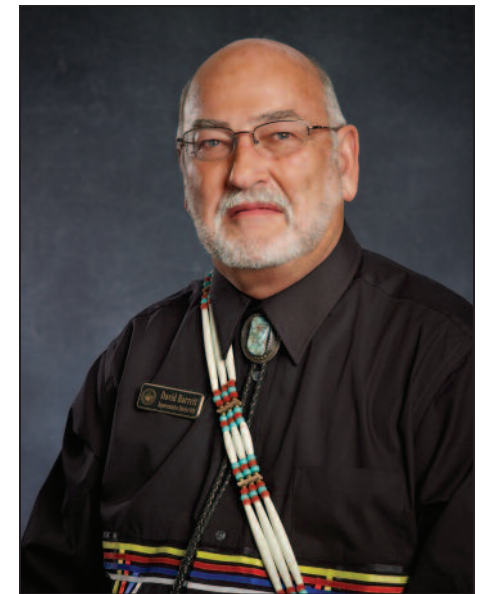
I knew that, those 200 years ago, the hill just beyond Oak Park and River Forest in what is now Forest Home Cemetery was dotted with trees, rustling camp fires, and wigwams. Those grasslands near the Des Plaines River were once the hunting grounds of the mighty Potawatomi Indian Tribe.

By 1835, most of these people had been driven westward by the white settlers. Buried beneath grass and earth on Indian Hill in the ancient Potawatomi burial mounds, the spirits linger - even today.

Finding the site of the burial mounds can be tricky. Look for hilly mounds of earth, raised above the surrounding ground. There are two very noticeable sites. The first houses a series of mausoleums in the side of the hills. Several feet from that hill is the site of the Potawatomi burial mounds and the marker which tells their history.

INDIAN CEMETERY MARKER-1941

A tall, triangular granite column on a small hill at Forest Home Cemetery in Forest Park shows an Indian on horseback in bas-relief and the following inscription: "This is the site of a village and burial ground of the Pottawatomie Indians from



ancient times until 1835 when they were exiled to lands beyond the Mississippi. Later this locality was known as Indian Hill. Here stood the cabin of Leon Bourassa, the trapper. His Indian wife, Margaret, had been reared in this grove and, after the exodus of her tribe; she chose to remain near the graves of her ancestors.

As the years passed, the visits of the Potawatomes became ever less frequent and this memorial has been erected to perpetuate their memory. In 1832 federal troops under General Winfield Scott skirted this grove, forded the river a mile north, and marched on to the Black Hawk War in the Rock River country. These soldiers had encamped at a point that is now the Village of Riverside to rest and recover from an epidemic of Asiatic cholera.

Upon the arrival of white settlers these acres became the homestead of Ferdinand Haase and his family. The first person to die in this new home was buried on this hill in 1854. Thus, many years ago, Ferdinand Haase and his sons reestablished and dedicated to sepulcher the ancient forest home of the Pottawatomie to become the Forest Home of the white man. A.D. 1941." Designer: Paul Strayer. Sculptor Guido Rebechini"

Leon Bourassa's Indian wife, Margaret, was my great-great-grandmother Mnitouqua/Spirit Woman. Most of the Potawatomi of Illinois were removed in the "Trail of Death" of 1838. Leon Bourassa's

parents were in the removal group; but there is no record of Leon or his family being removed at that time. Leon Bourassa and my great-great-grandmother "Mntoqua" lived on what came to be Indian Hill for many years and Margaret/Mnitoqua was one of the last to tend to her ancestral graves.

As more white settlers pushed into the area, these vast grassy acres were purchased by Ferdinand Haase and his family in 1851. Some records show that there was an amusement park and later, in 1876, that Haase stopped the amusement park and decided with his sons to dedicate this ancient Indian forest home to become a sacred burial place with the name Forest Home Cemetery.

There is so much history in this area that I haven't done justice to it with this article. Walking on the grounds, I was able to stop and ponder with amazement what it must have been like to be here looking back in time to a place which was the very spot that marked the beginnings of my heritage.

Forest Home Cemetery is one of the most peaceful and beautiful cemeteries in that area. Forest Home is split into eastern and western parts by the Des Plaines River. Until recently, due to the deterioration of

the bridges over the river, it was impossible to walk from one side to other without leaving the cemetery. This is no longer true; a new bridge was installed in about 2003.

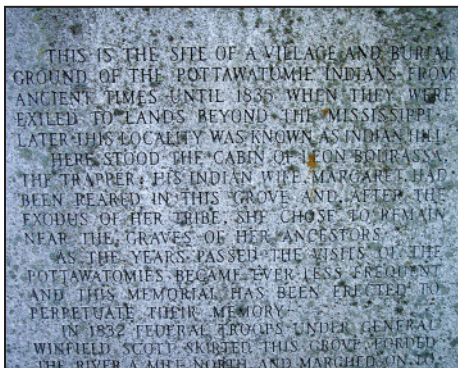
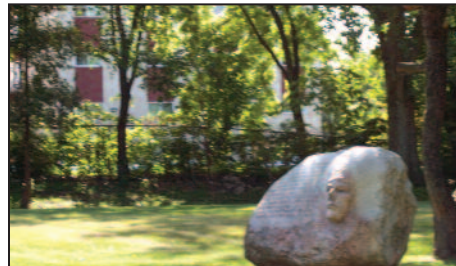
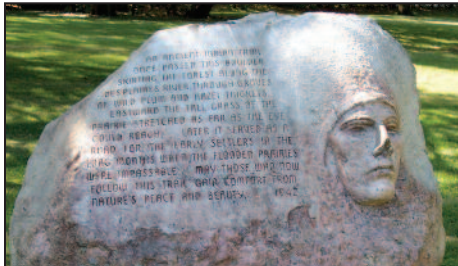
Also in the Forest Home Cemetery is a pink granite boulder with an inscription that reads: *"An ancient Indian Trail once passed this boulder skirting the forest along the Des Plaines River through groves of wild plum and hazel thickets. Eastward the tall grass of the prairie stretched as far as the eye could reach. Later it served as a road for the early settlers in the long months when the flooded prairies were impassable. May those who now follow this trail gain comfort from nature's peace and beauty. 1942"*

Archaeologist Charles Kennicott did some unearthing of 13 skeletons and other artifacts in 1869. Those artifacts - arrowheads, beads, sharks' teeth - are part of a permanent display of the Forest Park Historical Society.

It goes without saying that it is both a pleasure and an honor to serve you and our great Nation.

Migwetch,

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From Citizen Potawatomi Nation Rep. David Barrett's visit to Forest Home Cemetery in Chicago, the top left and top right photos show two views of a very interesting marker with a carved Indian head and text about the Forest Home history.

The photo at bottom right shows Rep. Barrett pointing out mention of his great-great-grandmother, Margaret Bourassa/Mnitoqua (Spirit Woman), on a second historic marker in the Forest Home Cemetery.

District #11 - Lisa Kraft

Pride

I was cheering on the Guthrie, Oklahoma High School Blue Jays at a recent Friday night football game and smiling to myself as the players raised their arms to encourage the local crowd to "Get Loud!" The Blue Jays pulled out a win in the last minute of the game, and we all erupted in hugs and cheers. At that very moment, I imagined what it would be like if the Citizen Potawatomi Nation was playing football with another tribe and how our members would jump up from their seats, clap their encouragement, and shout their victory pride.

Sitting down to write this column, I smile in excitement because our tribal Nation is projecting that our enterprises will make approximately \$236 million between October 1, 2012 and September 30, 2013. We expect another \$130 million from internal services, compacts/annual funding agreements with the Bureau of Indian Affairs and Indian Health Service, tribal programs, and grants. In total, the Citizen Potawatomi Nation has a new operating budget of \$367 million dollars.

If we were together in a football stadium, I can picture Vice Chairman Linda Capps and Chairman Rocky Barrett lifting their arms to get us members off the seats to encourage all the people who make this pos-



sible. Our Nation and our tribal team are **CHAMPIONS!** My standing appreciation goes out to all who believe in our progress, who make it a reality, and our members who continue to propel us to **GREATNESS!**

As always, I am thinking Potawatomi.

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Our mother, Shiree, was a wonderful mother and one of the most amazing women we have ever met. She raised three daughters, by herself, while she ran the family store. After we graduated she went back to college and earned a Bachelors in Psychology, she always loved helping people. Once she had grandchildren they became her passion. One morning, she collapsed, we found her unconscious, in her home. We waited and prayed for three days, when we got the unexpected news that she was brain dead. That's when LifeShare stepped in and told us that it was time for her to help someone else by being an organ donor. We had absolutely no idea what miracles our mother could perform even after she wasn't with us

anymore. Thank you, LifeShare, for helping us through a difficult time, and for showing us how much one life could help not one, but three others.

Organ, eye and tissue donation saves lives. Please make your decision to donate life, and then tell your family!

Register to be an organ, eye and tissue donor on your Oklahoma driver's license or state ID card, or register online at www.lifeshareregistry.org. If you don't have a license, or state ID card, and do not have internet access, call 800-826-LIFE (5433), and ask for a donor registration card.

@GOOD for life.

Vice Chairman - Linda Capps

Bozho,

It is nice to be able to “put a face with a name” while talking on the telephone. This is especially true when a person makes contact by phone on a regular basis. Many of you call the Nation through the main telephone number several times a year. For those of you who do not have an opportunity to visit our headquarter facilities, I want to introduce you to the staff members whom you are likely to reach when you call the main numbers at 405-275-3121 or 800-880-9880.

In addition, if you have not met the administrative assistants for the Chairman’s and Vice Chairman’s offices, I am pleased to include a brief introduction for them.

The two full-time employees who are most likely to answer the phone are Pam Smith and Sheila Goff. These two ladies manage the administrative reception desk and answer the two primary telephone numbers serving the Nation. Pam came to the Nation 16 years ago as the administration receptionist. She is still employed in that capacity; however, the job has taken on a whole new face with an array of added duties and activities.

She is the “go-to person” for how a phone call or a visit is directed. Additionally, she is the main contact for scheduling the RV park area (outside of festival time) and for scheduling the reunion halls for meetings and banquets.

Sheila, a CPN tribal member, has been employed with the Nation for three years, and has recently taken the job at the administrative reception desk. Prior to this full-time position, she worked as an assistant in the CPN Health Aids program and served as relief on the main phone lines. During the month of August, Sheila replaced Kay Ragan, another competent employee, who worked the administrative reception desk with Pam for several years. Kay has moved to the tag office, where she assists tribal members with vehicle registration.

Whether Pam and Sheila are speaking on the phone or assisting visitors and employees in person, they do an excellent job of representing the Nation. Along with answering the phones, they have numerous other job duties, including applying postage to large volumes of mail each day and over-



seeing the internal mail room for all the Nation’s departments.

On a typical Monday, the two ladies might answer more than 400 calls each. The record number of calls through the system is just under 1,500 in one day for the two phones. This massive number of calls occurred at festival time, which is usually an extremely busy time for headquarters. A heart-felt “thank you” goes out to Pam and Sheila for their diligence and excellence in their role as the “voice of the Nation.”

Once a call is received, Pam or Sheila directs that call to the requested area. If you ask for Chairman John Barrett’s office during your call, you usually get a soft-spoken, friendly answer from Jamie Moucka. She has been the very capable administrative assistant to Chairman Barrett for nine years. Prior to that time, she worked in the accounting department and also worked in the CPN Food Service program which provided meals for Title VI and Child Care. for a period of time. She has a total of 16 years with the Nation.

Jamie is an invaluable part of the administrative team. She works closely with all of the CPN directors in a supreme effort to make day-to-day operations function efficiently and effectively. Her main objective is to make the office of the Chairman run smoothly while handling the tremendous workload that flows through that office.

If your call is directed to the office of the

Vice Chairman, you are likely to first reach Dennette Summerlin, who has been my administrative assistant since 2002. Dennette gets work completed at the speed of lightning! That is why she is such a blessing to this office. She also takes the lead on the property, casualty, and liability insurance, which is handled from our office and is, in itself, a huge undertaking.

Dennette is a former director of public relations for the Nation. Prior to that, she worked with two of the Indian Child Wel-

fare programs. She has worked at the Nation for a total of 15 years.

Both Jamie and Dennette have extremely important positions with the Nation; and both are excellent at their jobs.

I hope this helps you to “put a face with a name” the next time you contact the Citizen Potawatomi Nation by telephone. As always, I cherish the opportunity to serve as your Vice Chairman.

Migwetch,
Linda Capps



These are the smiling faces behind the cordial, professional greetings Citizen Potawatomi Nation members and other callers and visitors receive when they contact the Nation. At top left is Dennette Summerlin, Administrative Assistant to Vice Chairman Linda Capps. Chairman John Barrett’s administrative assistant, Jamie Moucka, is at top right. Sheila Goff and Pam Smith, receptionists/telephone call conductors extraordinaire, are at bottom left and bottom right.

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Chairman - John 'Rocky' Barrett

Bozho, Niconic (Hello, My Friends),

The progress continues with our projects here at the Nation. The following are three lists with information about what we are doing. The first is a list of the projects which includes those in actual construction or site preparation, those with funding appropriated by the Tribal Legislature and with architectural drawings completed or underway. The second list is activities of the Nation which include repurposing or remodeling older structures on and off tribal trust land. The third list describes activities of our existing operations which are new or in development.

List #1

The Grand Hotel – A 262-room luxury hotel attached to the Grand Casino. Included in this project are two new restaurants: a Grand Hotel restaurant, which will also provide room service, and a Brazilian “chiaroscuro” restaurant that will feature specially grilled and roasted meats served tableside. These restaurants will be fronted by a retail area leading to a 2500-seat performance theater that will have associated convention space and amenities. The additions will include room for 20 new table games, a new poker room, and 400 new slot machines. This project is 35% complete with the main 14-story structure in place.

West Parking at the Grand, West Entrance – 290 new parking spaces on the West side of the Grand Casino with a drive-through drop-off entry. This project was necessary before the hotel could begin because of the parking lost to hotel construction. This is a completed project.

Grand Casino Maintenance Headquarters – 8,000 square feet of metal building with offices and tool control areas. It is located on the north side of Deer Creek, just north of the Water Treatment and Sewer Plant. It is completed.

CPN West Clinic – A 12,000 square foot new health clinic with facilities for four doctors, radiology, lab, and a pharmacy. Located on the west side of the Grand Casino property, it will serve non-Indian spouses of CPN citizens and employees of the Nation and their families covered by insurance or by fee. It is completed.

CPN West Clinic Auxiliary and Grand Casino Administration Building – This



10,000 square foot metal building in the style of the West Clinic is 15% complete. It will allow for expanded medical use of administrative space in the main West Clinic. The Gaming Commission and some administrative functions of the Grand Casino will also be in this building.

New Highway Sign/Grand Casino – A modified sign to reflect the exclusive use of the name “Grand Casino” for the tribe’s facilities at Dale, Oklahoma, and exclusive use of the name “FireLake” for the facilities between Shawnee and Tecumseh, where Tribal Headquarters are located. The main sign on I-40 is 16 stories tall. Work on the new name on the sign is underway.

McCloud Grocery – Dirt work is underway for a new grocery store to serve the City of McCloud on tribal land one mile west/northwest of the Grand Casino. This store will be larger than the Tecumseh Express grocery and will also sell fuel. It will be part of a shopping center that will feature fast food, hardware, automotive supplies, and other goods and services for the McCloud area. This store is one-half mile from I-40 and visible from the four-lane McCloud Road exit.

The Ball Fields at FireLake – Six new lighted softball fields with associated concessions, dugouts, restrooms, and paved parking. Completed, the fields have had several events already that drew more than 3,000 people to games.

The Arena at FireLake – A 5,000 seat

performance, multipurpose building with geothermal cooling and heat. This facility is immediately west of the FireLake Discount Foods store, south of the new FireLake Bowling Center. It will become the center-piece of a tourism and destination event center that will allow the Nation to exploit its existing facilities more efficiently. Included in the complex are FireLake Casino and FireLake Golf Course. This project is 50% complete and will feature large LCD screens for live view and replay of sporting events and performances.

FireLake RV Park - The first phase of RV spaces is in temporary use with main access streets and bridges completed. This project is 10% complete.

Rural Water District #3 FireLake Water and Sewer Services – With completion of the water tower and water mains, the process of hooking up to the service has begun. We cannot fully convert to RWD #3 water until we have our sewer facility completed. It is 65% complete.

Headquarters Roads and Parking – This project is 75% complete. It was necessary to move our entrance to Gordon Cooper Drive for safety reasons. The turn lanes and new streets to the First National Bank Branch created a need for more parking. A rear street for Headquarters was required for fire and safety access.

First National Bank/FireLake Branch – This is a completed project, with the opening of the bank on September 25. It is a full-service bank with loans, deposits, a vault, and safety deposit boxes, a drive-by bank, and an ATM.

Women, Infants, and Children Nutrition Program Headquarters – This 600 square foot building, next to the bank, is 45% complete. It was paid for with federal funds and was necessary because of the huge increase in numbers served by the program.

The FireLake Golf Course Clubhouse – In the dirt-work stage now, plans are complete for a two-story, \$1.7 million golf facility with two restaurants. Primary funding is from the insurance settlement for the fire at the old clubhouse. New maintenance facilities are completed on the golf course as well, with a 4,000 square foot steel building allowing the removal of the old buildings to make way for the new clubhouse overlooking the pecan grove.

The Soccer and Lacrosse Fields at

FireLake – Located west of the ball fields and the geothermal lake, the soccer fields have grass slopes on the sides and end-to-end fields that stretch from Squirrel Creek to the Canadian River high banks. Dual purpose use is possible because the fields will be the first path of any flooding that might come from Squirrel Creek. This will eventually affect the flood plain designation of our headquarters area. These fields are 40% complete with the main excavations 80% complete.

Rural Water District #3 Expansion/Macomb Water Plant and Dale Water Plant - New treatment equipment has doubled the size of our treatment plants in anticipation of expansion and acquisition of new water sales areas. This project is complete along with more than 20 miles of new line laid.

Boys and Girls Club Gymnasium - A new basketball court-sized facility in a new steel building next to the Wellness Center for teens and older schoolchildren. This project is complete.

LIST #2

Tecumseh Church Remodel for Elder Center - A new home for the Title VI Elder nutrition program in a remodeled church in Tecumseh. This will afford the elders a larger dining area with a separate activity space. The former Tecumseh First Christian Church, it is a brick U-shaped building with more than 10,000 square feet of room. The remodel will be complete in two months and is 30% finished now.

Bell Street Reutilization Building - A former lumber yard in Shawnee, this a 10,000 square foot building with a large fenced storage area around it. It will allow us to utilize equipment and materials that are surplus to one program but useable by another. This facility will also store and recondition furniture and equipment to cut down waste. This project is 50% complete.

Pratt Building – A former grocery store in Shawnee, it will serve as a storage area for our records and other storage that requires heated and cooled space. This building will free up the main supply distribution building. This remodel is 50% complete.

LIST #3

Slot machine games downloaded from a central server onto I-Pad portable computer devices for use in the casino bars, restaurants, and hotel facilities. Project is 60%

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complete. It is in use now with new games in development.

Water Exchange with Tecumseh — Rural Water District #3 is connected to Tecumseh's south side and takes delivery at Tribal Headquarters on the north side. A fee is paid to Tecumseh for transportation, and water is "balanced" each month. The two governments also are providing a vital

"back-up" water source for each other.

As you can see, we are very busy, and these are only projects that we are completing here in Shawnee. In the next edition of the *HowNiKan*, I will describe the plans for activities outside of Shawnee/Tecumseh.

Thank you for the privilege of serving as Tribal Chairman.
Migwetch,
John Barrett

Victor Cope Earns 'Man of the Year' Award

Citizen Potawatomi Nation member Victor Cope has earned the **The Changing Winds Society's Native American Man of the Year Award**. Cope is an enrolled member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation and is also of Absentee Shawnee and Mvskoke (Creek) descent. He is the Executive Director of Indian Falls Creek, located in southern Oklahoma, and has served in that position since 1994. Indian Falls Creek is an annual Christian family camp that reaches 80 to 100 Indian Congregations from across the US. The highest attendance at IFC has been 3,400 campers.

In 2005, Victor walked 235 miles across Oklahoma on I-35 to raise building funds and bring attention to the construction of the New Tabernacle at Falls Creek Conference Center. After the walk across Oklahoma he continued to promote health exercise and wellness to Native people. He stated in an article in the "HowNiKan" about his fitness lifestyle change, "Exercise is not a cure for the diseases that plague our people but it can help you enjoy a better quality of life."

He is the current pastor of Moore First Indian Baptist Church and former pastor at Sallateeska Baptist Mission in Shawnee.

Victor Cope's full-time position is as teacher and Indian Education Director for Tecumseh, Oklahoma Public Schools. He works with superintendents, teachers, and counselors to implement education activities for the Indian Students Title VII program, which serves 800-plus Native American students. He is also a grantwriter for Barlow Educational Management Services, assisting 36 schools in submitting Title VII Indian Education applications.

He has also served as the Upward Bound Counselor at Oklahoma Baptist University and Upward Bound Assistant Director at Seminole Junior College. Upward Bound provides fundamental support to partici-



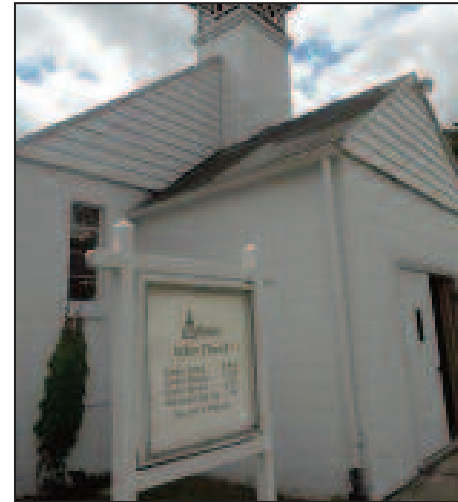
Victor Cope accepts Native American Man of the Year Award.

pants in their preparation for college entrance. The program provides opportunities for participants to succeed in their pre-college performance and ultimately in their higher education pursuits. Upward Bound serves high school students from low-income families and high school students from families in which neither parent holds a bachelor's degree.

Upward Bound's goal is to increase the rate at which participants complete secondary education and enroll in/graduate from institutions of postsecondary education.

Victor Cope's additional honors and activities include: Bachelor of Arts degree with a major in Religion, and a minor in Sociology; Bachelors of Science degree in Education with a major in Health, Physical Education, and Recreation; Recipient of the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma Ethnic Evangelism Award/2010; Chairman for The Native American Task Force, Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma; Member, Ministerial Alliance; President, Native American Heritage Association, Oklahoma Baptist University; Member, Associational Race Relations Committee, Potawatomi/Lincoln (Baptist) Association; Planning Committee, Southwest Association; Student Assist Program Member; and CHIPS, Sacred Order of the Bison/OBU.

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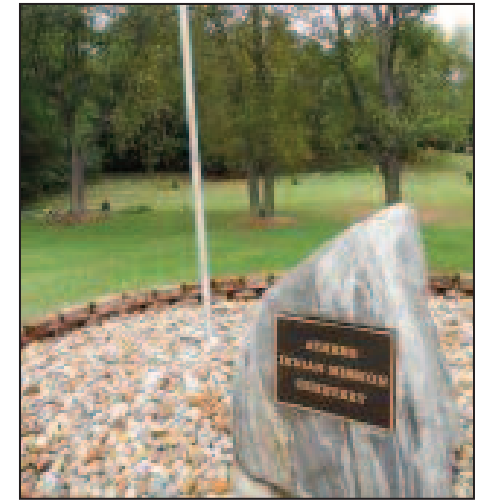
The Athens, Michigan Indian Baptist Church, left, dates back to the 1840s.

our culture and values," tribal elder Stewart King added. The Ontario, Canada resident said his ancestors were among those who moved from Wisconsin to Canada by canoe during the removal period. "The language teaches us," he said.

The Huron tribe began to seek Federal recognition in 1934, but a government decision in 1940 barred Bureau of Indian Affairs' services from being offered in the Lower Peninsula. It wasn't until the 1970s that a federal tribal recognition process was re-established. Petitions, research, and documentation led to a formal Federal recognition of the Nottawaseppi Huron in 1995. This opened up access to government programs and funding that had not been available to the reservation before.

Since that historical moment nearly 17 years ago, the tribal leaders have dedicated themselves to progress and pride, Rowdan wrote. Housing and infrastructure construction has boomed and the reservation was placed into Federal trust in 2008, making it a sovereign nation. The FireKeepers Casino in Battle Creek, which opened in 2009, is owned and run by the tribe. It provides revenue to foster growth on the reservation, and occupies a 79-acre parcel of land. An additional hotel is near completion.

A new 35,000-square foot center for administrative and legislative activities will grace the entrance to the tribal complex in nearby Fulton, Michigan. Across Mno-bmadzewen Way is the Health Center, which had a 2,700-square-foot addition underway to house the center's administrative staff and a new behavioral health depart-



ment. The extra space is for expanded exam rooms, a medical laboratory, and dental offices.

A comfortable community center with a kitchen is nearby. It has plenty of room for elder dining and other group activities, as well as offices and space for language and craft classes. A small woodshop was converted into a convenience store called the "Hungry Turtle". It offers groceries, snacks, and beverages for sale. Its cozy front porch was teeming with activity recently as tribal members sold souvenir T-shirts commemorating the Gathering of Potawatomi Nations.

The Athens Indian Church was open for tours during the Gathering and the Church Ladies' Craft House was serving hot fry bread and steaming bean soup. A popular place of worship on the reservation since the 1840s, a new church building is in the plans that will be handicapped-accessible and more energy-efficient while keeping its quaint country charm.

Other projects are in the works, including expanding a satellite urban center about 100 miles away in Grand Rapids, Michigan. An empty automobile dealership building will be re-purposed to provide a Native health and dental clinic.

Meanwhile, back on the rez, a \$1 million dollar grant was recently received to improve the environmental services which Rodwan operates for the tribe. Another new building will have two wings for public works and environmental department offices and a vehicle repair garage.